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Health Certificate No. _____
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**VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF:
MILK OR MILK-BASED PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION
TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Responsible Veterinary Administration: USDA

Issuing Veterinary Authority: APHIS Veterinary Services

Description of Consignment:

Type of product & animal species of origin: _____

Number of packages or units/net weight: _____

Identification marks or lot number(s) (Please include batch numbers): _____

Type of packaging: _____

Name of Approved Manufacturing Facility(ies):

Name and Address of Consignor:

Name and Address of Consignee:

Means of Transport (flight no/vessel name):

Container Number: _____ Seal Number: _____

Place/Port of Loading:



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Health Attestation:

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies to the following regarding the milk or milk-based products described hereon:

1. The product was produced from either (check as appropriate):

- ___1.1 milk or milk-based products, derived from animals kept in herds in the country mentioned on the overleaf (the exporting country must give certification for the product) which were not under restrictions due to foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest; **OR**
- ___1.2 milk or milk-based products, legally imported into the country, from facilities in the European Community registered for trade within the Community (complying with all the relevant European Community Directives) or Norway, which were not under restrictions due to foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest; **OR**
- ___1.3 milk or milk-based products, legally imported into the exporting country, from one or more of the following countries: New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, United States of America and Canada.

2. The product was processed at an officially approved manufacturing plant and subjected to one of the following processes before being introduced onto South African territory:

Either (select as appropriate)

- ___2.1 In the case of milk or milk-based products originating from areas where no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred within the last 12 months and where vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease has not been carried out in the last 12 months:
- 2.1.1 Ultra high temperature treatment at 132⁰C for 1 second; AND/OR
- 2.1.2 Pasteurized at 72⁰C for 15 seconds or 60⁰C for 30 minutes; AND/OR
- 2.1.3 Heat sterilized for 30 minutes at a pressure of 15 lbs (100 kPa); AND/OR
- 2.1.4 An acidification process such that the pH value is lowered and kept below 6 for at least one hour.

OR

- ___2.2 In the case of milk or milk-based products originating from areas where an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred within the last 12 months or which have carried out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease in the last 12 months:
- 2.2.1 Ultra high temperature treatment at 132⁰C for 1 second; OR

- 2.2.2 An initial heat treatment having an effect at least equivalent to that achieved by pasteurization at a temperature of at least 72°C for at least 15 seconds, so as to produce a negative reaction to the phosphatase test, followed by:
- (i) A second heat treatment involving high-temperature pasteurization, UHT, or sterilization, so as to produce a negative reaction to the peroxidase test: OR
 - (ii) In the case of milk-powder or a dry milk-based product, a second heat treatment having an effect at least equivalent to that achieved by the first heat treatment, so as to produce a negative reaction to the phosphatase test, followed by a drying process; OR
 - (iii) An acidification process such that the pH value is lowered and kept below 6 for at least one hour.
3. The products do not contain any products derived from animals other than milk or milk-based products.
4. The products are fit for human consumption.
5. The products do not, to the best of my knowledge and belief, contain any harmful additives or constitute any danger of introducing infectious or contagious diseases into South Africa.

Issued at _____ on (date) _____

Official Seal

Signature of Official Veterinarian

Printed Name and Title of Official Veterinarian

Address of Official Veterinarian